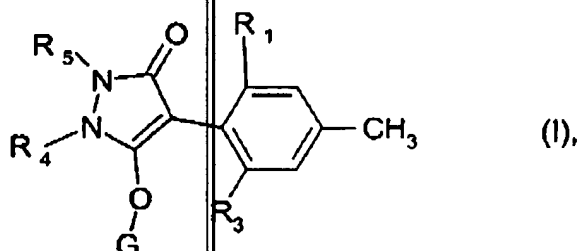


In the Claims

Claim 1. (Previously Amended) A selectively herbicidal composition which, in addition to customary inert formulation assistants, comprises as active ingredient a mixture of
a) a herbicidally effective amount of a compound of formula I



wherein

R₁ and R₃ are, each independently of the other, ethyl, haloethyl, ethynyl, C₁- or C₂-alkoxy, C₁- or C₂-haloalkoxy, C₁- or C₂-alkylcarbonyl or C₁- or C₂-hydroxyalkyl;
R₄ and R₅ together are a group Z₂ which is -CR₁₄(R₁₅)-CR₁₆(R₁₇)-O-CR₁₈(R₁₉)-CR₂₀(R₂₁)- ;
R₁₄, R₁₅, R₁₆, R₁₇, R₁₈, R₁₉, R₂₀ and R₂₁ are, each independently of the others, hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₄alkyl or C₁-C₄haloalkyl, wherein an alkylene ring may be fused or spiro-bound to the carbon atoms of the group Z₂, which alkylene ring, together with the carbon atoms of the group Z₂, to which it is bonded, contains from 2 to 6 carbon atoms and may be interrupted by oxygen, or the alkylene ring bridges at least one ring atom of the group Z₂;
G is hydrogen, -C(X₁)-R₃₀, -C(X₂)-X₃-R₃₁, -C(X₄)-NR₃₂(R₃₃), -S(O)₂-R₃₄, -P(X₅)-R₃₅R₃₆, -CH₂-X₆-R₃₇ or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation;
X₁, X₂, X₃, X₄, X₅ and X₆ are, each independently of the others, oxygen or sulfur;
R₃₀, R₃₁, R₃₂, R₃₃, R₃₄, R₃₅, R₃₆ and R₃₇ are, each independently of the others, hydrogen, C₁-C₁₀alkyl, C₁-C₁₀haloalkyl, C₁-C₁₀cyanoalkyl, C₁-C₁₀nitroalkyl, C₁-C₁₀aminoalkyl, C₂-C₅alkenyl, C₂-C₅haloalkenyl, C₃-C₈cycloalkyl, C₁-C₅alkylamino-C₁-C₅alkyl, di(C₁-C₅alkyl)amino-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₃-C₇cycloalkyl-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₁-C₅alkoxy-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₃-C₅alkenyloxy-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₃-C₅alkynyloxy-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₁-C₅alkylthio-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₁-C₅alkylsulfoxy-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₁-C₅alkylsulfonyl-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₂-C₈alkylideneaminoxy-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₁-C₅alkylcarbonyl-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₁-C₅alkoxycarbonyl-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₁-C₅alkylaminocarbonyl-C₁-C₅alkyl, di(C₁-C₅alkyl)aminocarbonyl-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₁-C₅alkylcarbonylamino-C₁-C₅alkyl, C₁-C₅alkylcarbonyl-(C₁-C₅alkyl)-amino-C₁-C₅alkyl, tri(C₁-

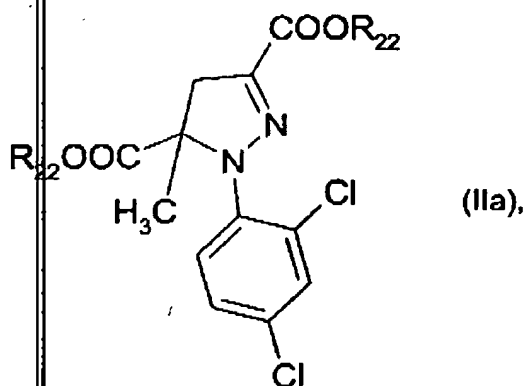
or C₂-alkyl)silyl-C₁-C₅alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, phenyl-C₁-C₅alkyl, heteroaryl-C₁-C₅alkyl, phenoxy-C₁-C₅alkyl or heteroaryloxy-C₁-C₅alkyl, wherein the afore-mentioned aromatic rings may be substituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, di(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl, C₁-C₅alkoxycarbonyl or by C₁- or C₂-haloalkyl;

R₃₄, R₃₅ and R₃₆ are, in addition, C₁-C₁₀alkoxy, C₁-C₁₀haloalkoxy, C₁-C₅alkylamino, di(C₁-C₅alkyl)amino, benzyloxy or phenoxy, wherein the aromatic rings of the last two substituents may be substituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, dimethylamino, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl, C₁-C₅alkoxycarbonyl or by C₁- or C₂-haloalkyl; and

R₃₇ is, in addition, C₁-C₁₀alkylcarbonyl,

or a salt or diastereoisomer of a compound of formula I, and

b) an amount, which is effective for antagonism of the herbicide, of a safener of formula IIa



wherein

R₂₂ is hydrogen, or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation, or ethyl.

Claim 2. (Previously Amended) A composition according to claim 1, which comprises as active ingredient a mixture of a) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicide of formula I, wherein

R₁, R₃, R₄, R₅ and G are as defined in claim 1, and

b) an amount, which is effective for antagonism of the herbicide, of a safener of formula IIa, wherein

R₂₂ is as defined in claim 1 for formula IIa.

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Claim 3. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein R_1 and R_3 in the compounds of formula I are, each independently of the other, ethyl, haloethyl, ethynyl, C_1 - or C_2 -alkoxy or C_1 - or C_2 -haloalkoxy.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein R_4 and R_5 in the compounds of formula I together form a group Z_2 which is $-CR_{14}(R_{15})-CR_{16}(R_{17})-O-CR_{18}(R_{19})-CR_{20}(R_{21})-$ (Z_2), wherein R_{14} , R_{15} , R_{16} , R_{17} , R_{18} , R_{19} , R_{20} and R_{21} are hydrogen.

Claim 5. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein G in the compounds of formula I is hydrogen, $-C(X_1)-R_{30}$, $-C(X_2)-X_3-R_{31}$, $-C(X_4)-NR_{32}(R_{33})$, $-S(O)_2-R_{34}$, $-P(X_5)R_{35}R_{36}$, $-CH_2-X_6-R_{37}$ or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation; X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 , X_5 and X_6 are, each independently of the others, oxygen or sulfur; R_{30} , R_{31} , R_{32} , R_{33} , R_{34} , R_{35} , R_{36} and R_{37} are, each independently of the others, hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_8 cyanoalkyl, C_1 - C_8 nitroalkyl, C_1 - C_8 aminoalkyl, C_2 - C_5 alkenyl, C_2 - C_5 haloalkenyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_1 - C_5 alkylamino- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, di(C_1 - C_5 alkyl)amino- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_3 - C_7 cycloalkyl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy- C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_2 - C_4 alkenyloxy- C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_3 - C_4 alkynyloxy- C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkylthio- C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_2 alkylsulfoxy- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_2 alkylsulfonyl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_2 - C_8 alkylideneaminooxy- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_5 alkylcarbonyl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_5 alkoxycarbonyl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_5 alkylamino-carbonyl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, di(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)aminocarbonyl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_5 alkylcarbonylamino- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_2 alkylcarbonyl-(C_1 - C_3 alkyl)-amino- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, tri(C_1 - or C_2 -alkyl)silyl- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, phenyl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, heteroaryl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, phenoxy- C_1 - C_2 alkyl or heteroaryloxy- C_1 - C_2 alkyl; R_{34} , R_{35} and R_{36} are, in addition, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_8 haloalkoxy, C_1 - C_3 alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_3 alkyl)amino, benzyloxy or phenoxy, wherein the aromatic rings of the last two substituents may be substituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, dimethylamino, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl, C_1 - C_5 alkoxycarbonyl or by C_1 - or C_2 -haloalkyl; and R_{37} is, in addition, C_1 - C_8 alkylcarbonyl.

Claim 6. (Original) A composition according to claim 5, wherein G is hydrogen, $-C(X_1)-R_{30}$, $-C(X_2)-X_3-R_{31}$, $-C(X_4)-NR_{32}(R_{33})$, $-S(O)_2-R_{34}$, $-P(X_5)R_{35}R_{36}$, $-CH_2-X_6-R_{37}$ or an alkali

metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation; X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 , X_5 and X_6 are, each independently of the others, oxygen or sulfur; R_{30} , R_{31} , R_{32} , R_{33} , R_{34} , R_{35} , R_{36} and R_{37} are, each independently of the others, hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 haloalkyl, C_2 - C_5 alkenyl, C_2 - C_5 haloalkenyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_7 cycloalkyl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy- C_1 - C_4 alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, phenyl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, heteroaryl- C_1 - C_2 alkyl, phenoxy- C_1 - C_2 alkyl or heteroaryloxy- C_1 - C_2 alkyl; R_{34} , R_{35} and R_{36} are, in addition, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_3 alkylamino or di(C_1 - C_3 alkyl)amino; and R_{37} is, in addition, C_1 - C_8 alkylcarbonyl.

Claim 7. Cancelled.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A method of selectively controlling weeds and grasses in crops of useful plants, which comprises treating the useful plants, their seeds or seedlings or the crop area thereof with, simultaneously or separately, a) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicide of formula I as claimed in claim 1, b) an amount, which is effective for antagonism of the herbicide, of a safener of formula IIa and, optionally, c) an additive comprising an oil of vegetable origin or an alkylated derivative thereof, or a mineral oil or a mixture thereof.

Claim 9. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 8, which comprises treating crops of useful plants or crop areas for crops of useful plants with from 0.001 to 2 kg/ha of a herbicide of formula I and an amount of from 0.001 to 0.5 kg/ha of a safener of formula IIa.

Claim 10. (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein the crops of useful plants are cereals, maize and sorghum.

Claim 11. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, which also comprises, in addition to the formulation adjuvants, an oil additive in the form of a vegetable oil concentrate consisting of the 4 components (A) from 20 to 90 % by weight of an alkyl ester of a higher fatty acid (C_4 - C_{22}), (B) from 4 to 40 % by weight of an anionic surfactant, (C) from 2 to 20 % by weight of a higher fatty acid (C_{10} - C_{20}), and (D) up to 140 % by weight, based on the total amount of components (A) to (C), of a hydrocarbon.

Claim 12. (Original) A composition according to claim 11, wherein (A) is a C₁-C₄alkyl ester of a C₁₂-C₁₈ fatty acid, (B) is an anionic surfactant of the dodecylbenzylsulfonate type, (C) is a C₁₂-C₁₈ fatty acid, and (D) is an aromatic hydrocarbon.

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